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AMENDMENT UNDER RULE 112 IN RESPONSE TO THE
SEPTEMBER 28, 1999 OFFICE ACTION

Sir:

This amendment is submitted in response to the Office Action dated September 28, 1999. Favorable reconsideration of the above-identified patent application in view of the following amendment and remarks is respectfully requested.

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please delete Claims 2-4 and 10-18 with prejudice.

Please amend Claim 1 as follows:

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1. (twice amended) A collection container assembly comprising:
an elongate tubular housing having opposed first and second ends and a cylindrical wall therebetween defining a tubular interior; and
a solid partition positioned within said housing between said first and second ends;
said housing defining a volume for specimen collection therein between said first end and said partition;